

ABSTRACT

A pacemaker has a metallic housing with a connector arrangement adapted to receive a contact plug, with contact surfaces, at the proximal end of an electrode lead. The connector arrangement includes a metallic tubular member with opposite ends which are welded or bonded to respective openings in the metallic housing. The metallic tubular member is substantially continuous along its length between the opposite ends. All components which are needed for making electrical contact with the contact surfaces of the lead are contained within the interior of the metallic tubular member.